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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ANOTHER MINI-DEMONSTRATION

1. A GROUP OF 20 TO 25 STUDENTS HELD A DEMONSTRATION BEGINNING ABOUT 1520 HRS TODAY IN FRONT OF THE EMBASSY. THE "CROWD" WAS TREATED TO ABOUT AN HOUR OF SPEECHES ASSAILING THE TREATIES AND THEIR ADDITIONS, BUT WAS OUTNUMBERED BY ABOUT 40 NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND A FLOCK OF REPORTERS. PARTICIPANTS ARE BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN DRAWN MAINLY FROM THE VANGUARDIA POPULAR AND REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST LEAGUE ULTRA-LEFTIST GROUPS.

2. THE SPEAKERS, AMPLIFIED BY A BULLHORN, REPEATED TIME-WORN RECRIMINATIONS AGAINST THE U.S., THE TREATIES, AND THE SENATE. THREE DEMONSTRATORS ENTERED THE EMBASSY GROUNDS WITH THE APPARENT INTENTION OF TAKING DOWN THE FLAG, BUT A FEW WORDS FROM SEVERAL GUARDSMEN DISCOURAGED THEM. ONE DEMONSTRATOR SAID THAT THE STREETS WOULD BE FILLED WITH STUDENTS BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 17.

3. AFTER BURNING A PAPER AMERICAN FLAG AND SPRAY-PAINTING SLOGANS ON THE SIDEWALK, THE DEMONSTRATORS
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MARCHED OFF TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO CONTINUE THEIR ACTIVITY. THE EVENT WAS ORDERLY AND PEACEFUL.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE THAT THERE ARE INDEED PLANS FOR WIDESPREAD STUDENT ANTI-TREATY ACTIVITIES BEGINNING MONDAY, THE FIRST DAY OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR. APPARENTLY, ULTRA-

LEFTIST GROUPS WILL ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATIONS AT MOST
PANAMA CITY SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND AT THE UNIVERSITY
OF PANAMA. DETAILS ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT THE
HEAD OF THE NATIONAL GUARD G-2 CALLED THE EMBASSY
TODAY TO ADVISE AGAINST OPENING THE EMBASSY APRIL 17.
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